disasters such as terrorist incidents etc., that need close involvement of security forces and/ or intelligence agencies, are not handled by NDMA.

(b) In relation to natural disasters such as Cyclones, Floods, Earthquakes etc., the NDMA has necessary infrastructure in the form of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for providing specialist response. The general superintendence, direction and control of NDRF rests with NDMA.

(c) NDMA regularly organizes mock drills in different parts of the country periodically to test the efficacy of disaster management techniques.

National Security Guard in Metros

495. SHRI A. ELAVARSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Security Guard formed in metros by Government after Mumbai Terror Attack;

(b) whether Government will increase the number of NSG Commandos fully trained with modern technological defence system in the coming years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Government has established four Regional Hubs of the National Security Guard (NSG) at Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

(b) and (c) The Government has already approved the setting up of two Regional Centres of NSG at Hyderabad and Kolkata apart from the four Regional Hubs. For this a total of 10904 additional posts have been approved for NSG. Required modern arms/equipments etc have also been sanctioned by the Government. NSG Commandos undergo regular requisite training.

Funds to Madhya Pradesh for countering Naxalism

†496.SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh comes under the Naxalite affected areas; and

(b) if so, funds provided by the Central Government security thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During 2008-09, Rs. 399.86 lakh has been released to Madhya Pradesh under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; Rs. 293 lakh released under the Special Infrastructure Scheme and Rs. 4037 lakh provided under Modernisation of State Police Forces Scheme.

Status of investigation into Mumbai attacks

497. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(a) the status of the investigation into the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai *vis-a-vis* Intelligence and Security in Centre and State;

(b) the steps that have been taken by Government to ensure that slip-ups in institutions, organizations and personnel are identified and there will be no recurrence of such incidents; and

(c) whether Government has finalized a code of conduct/protocol for media coverage in the event of any future attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per available information, Mumbai Terrorist Attacks case is being tried *vide* Sessions Case No. 175/2009. The trial in these cases is in progress before the Sessions Court, Mumbai and so far, 107 witnesses have been examined.

(b) The Government has been, on a continuing basis, reviewing the security arrangements in the light of emerging challenges, including terrorism, and a number of important decisions and measures have been taken. These measures include augmenting the strength of Central Para-Military Forces; amendment of the CISF Act to enable deployment of CISF in joint venture or private industrial undertakings; establishment of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai; empowerment of DG, NSG to requisition aircraft for movement of NSG personnel in the event of any emergency; strengthening and re-organising of Multi-Agency Centre to enable it to function on 24X7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence and security agencies; and development of online and secure connectivity between Multi-Agency Centre, Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres and State Special Branches. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been amended and notified in 2008 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism. The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts in the Schedule.

(c) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has constituted a Media Consultative Committee for media facilitation, *inter alia,* to serve as a forum of regular consultations between Government and various professional media bodies, provide a platform for exchange of views on concerns of civil society, and to discuss concerns of media organizations on various regulatory/policy/procedural matters.

Steps for safety of people affected by Naxal attacks

498. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 people have been killed in Naxal attacks since January, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken for safety of the people who are affected by the Naxal attacks?